



Monument Creek Backcountry Use Area – BL7

Monument Creek is a very short canyon that rests below one of the most dramatic drops in the Grand Canyon. A good aerial view can be seen from the Abyss viewpoint on the Hermits Rest Road. The canyon gets its name from the 130-foot pillar of Tapeats Sandstone and Zoroaster Granite that have managed to stand vertical in resistance. Monument Creek is unique because it offers great views of the Abyss, it is a 45 minute hike from Granite Rapids and it features a small but beautiful set of narrows directly below the monument.

Monument Creek Camp has a large group site on the western hillside of the drainage near the pit toilet and there are about half a dozen small group sites scattered above the creek in a small valley. Monument Creek is a perennial water source, but there is typically very little of it. More often than not, it can be found below the monument and just upstream from it.

Hikers can easily spend half a day exploring the area and a day hike down to Granite Rapids is strongly recommended. The squirrels and mice in this area are very aggressive. Protect yourself and the animals by following Grand Canyon's Food Storage Guidelines.